

LEON C. HAMLIN



1891—Born on farm, Rutland Center, Jefferson County, N. Y., six miles east of Watertown. Parents of English and Welsh descent.

1899-1903—Attended country school two and one-half miles distant, which was walked most of the time.

1904-1907—Lived with aunt and uncle in Jersey City, N. J., to obtain better schooling. Attended Hempbrook Institute.

1908-1909—In partnership in cheese factory, but craving to try commercial business. Won out.

1910-1912—Started as clerk in sheeting and cotton goods department with the Frank A. Engel Co., at Watertown, N. Y., at \$5.00 per week. Fever, August, 1911. Returned to work but on account of poor health returned to farm.

1913—November 1, was asked by a friend, manager for H. G. Woolworth Co., at Canandaigua, N. Y., to help him during his absence to be married and during the Christmas rush. Realized that this was the game for me, so stuck.

1914—This store was taken over by the American S and L Co. Store Co., and I was transferred to their Indianapolis, Ind., store.

1915—Decided I was with wrong company. February traveled to Chicago and they entered Kroger's old store No. 8 with Mr. Olin. Soon discovered all my previous time had been wasted.

1916-1917—Manager store No. 80, Kenosha, Wis.

1918—Married Miss Adelaide F. Homolka, of Kenosha, Wis. Entered U. S. Service, stationed at Camp Taylor, Ky. Later transferred to Quartermaster Camp.

1919—January 10, discharged from service. Back again with Kroger at store No. 8, on 80th. July, reinstated as Manager of store No. 80.

CHAS. J. SCHLOSSER

1914—September, born in Milwaukee, Wis.

1918—February, graduated from public schools.

1918—Became apprentice artist in March, with an engraving house, whom I remained with until early 1919.

1919—June, started as Stockman with S. S. Kroger Co., at Milwaukee.

1919—August, assisted in opening S. S. Kroger store at Evansport, Ia., where I remained until March, 1920.

1920—Transferred to Sioux City, Ia.

1920—July, became Manager at Boone, Ia.

